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1. SUMMARY: THE FRG SUPPORTS THE ORIGINAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON MIP'S. IT DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE EARLY AGREEMENT ON MIP'S BY THE EC COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

2. AGATTACHE DELIVERED LETTER TO FEDMINAG WITH COPIES TO
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MINECON AND FOREIGN MINISTRY ON 5 DECEMBER REITERATING

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US POSITION ON MIP'S AS PER REFTEL. ATTACHE FOLLOWED UP WITH MINAG VISIT ON 6 DECEMBER 1974. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER HAD RAISED THE TOPIC WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMICS DIRECTOR HERMES EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND EMBOFF FOLLOWED UP WITH BOTH FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

3. AT FEDMINAG ATTACHE AGAIN REVIEWED US POSITION IN DETAIL AND WAS ASSURED THAT MINAG WAS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CONCERN ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF FURTHER HINDRANCES IN THE TRADE IN PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, AND THAT MINAG WOULD WORK TO MAKE ANY FINAL SOLUTION AS LIBERAL AS POSSIBLE.

4. MINAG OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT CERTAIN MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE SERIOUSLY CONTENDING FOR VARIOUS EXCEPTIONS IN PRODUCTS DUE FOR LIBERALIZATION, E.G. ITALY WANTS TO EXCLUDE ALL CITRUS JUICES (EXCEPT GRAPEFRUIT) FOR 5 YEARS, FRANCE WANTS TO EXCEPT PEACHES, PEARS, PLUMS ETC., U.K. WANTS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN BERRY FRUITS, SUCH AS STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES ETC., AND GERMANY IS INSISTING ON AN EXCEPTION FOR POTATO PRODUCTS UNTIL ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARKETING ORDER IS REALIZED.

5. THE OFFICIAL WAS CLEARLY DOUBTFUL THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED ON A COMMON POLICY REGARDING MIP'S DURING THE MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS ON THE 9 AND 10 FEBRUARY, AND FELT THAT A FINAL SOLUTION WAS POSSIBLY STILL MONTHS AWAY. HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL ALLOWED THAT SINCE THE PROBLEM WAS A POLITICAL ONE, ACHIEVEMENT OF A COMPROMISE AFTER HARD BARGAINING WAS A POSSIBILITY.

6. A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL STATED THAT THE FRG OPPOSED THE EFFORTS OF THE U.K. AND FRANCE TO EXPAND ON THE ORIGINAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL OF JUNE 1973 AND SAID GERMANY WOULD INSIST THAT MIP'S BE LIMITED TO THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT A DECISION WOULD NOT BE REACHED AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.
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